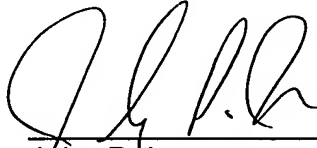


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 18, 19 and 21, are amended to remove multiple dependencies. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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